

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, November 29, 2011.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1247)

H.R. 2112, making consolidated appropriations for the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Justice, Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012. Signed on November 18, 2011. (Public Law 112–55)

H.R. 674, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the imposition of 3 percent withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities, to modify the calculation of modified adjusted gross income for purposes of determining eligibility for certain healthcare-related programs. Signed on November 21, 2011. (Public Law 112–56)

S. 1280, to amend the Peace Corps Act to require sexual assault risk-reduction and response training, the development of a sexual assault policy, the establishment of an Office of Victim Advocacy, the establishment of a Sexual Assault Advisory Council. Signed on November 21, 2011. (Public Law 112–57)

H.R. 398, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to toll, during active-duty service abroad in the Armed Forces, the periods of time to file a petition and appear for an interview to remove the conditional basis for permanent resident status. Signed on November 23, 2011. (Public Law 112–58)

H.R. 2447, to grant the congressional gold medal to the Montford Point Marines. Signed on November 23, 2011. (Public Law 112–59)

S. 1412, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 462 Washington Street, Woburn, Massachusetts, as the “Officer John Maguire Post Office”. Signed on November 23, 2011. (Public Law 112–60)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider S. Res. 227, calling for the protection of the Mekong River Basin and increased United States support for delaying the construction of mainstream dams along the Mekong River, S. Res. 316, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding Tunisia’s peaceful Jasmine Revolution, and the nominations of Michael Anthony McFaul, of California, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation, Roberta S. Jacobson, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs, Mari Carmen Aponte, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador, Adam E. Namm, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ecuador, and Elizabeth M. Cousens, of Washington, to be Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, all of the Department of State, and lists in the Foreign Service, 2:15 p.m., S–116, Capitol.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of November 29 through December 3,
2011

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 11 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of S. 1867, Department of Defense Authorization Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: December 1, to hold hearings to examine continuing oversight of the “Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act”, 10 a.m., SD–106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: December 1, to hold hearings to examine spurring job growth through capital formation while protecting investors, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: November 30, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ajit Varadaraj Pai, of Kansas, and Jessica Rosenworcel,

of Connecticut, both to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Foreign Relations: November 29, business meeting to consider S. Res. 227, calling for the protection of the Mekong River Basin and increased United States support for delaying the construction of main-stream dams along the Mekong River, S. Res. 316, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding Tunisia's peaceful Jasmine Revolution, and the nominations of Michael Anthony McFaul, of California, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation, Roberta S. Jacobson, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs, Mari Carmen Aponte, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador, Adam E. Namm, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ecuador, and Elizabeth M. Cousens, of Washington, to be Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, all of the Department of State, and lists in the Foreign Service, 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

December 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine United States strategic objectives towards Iran, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: December 1, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine the financial and societal costs of medicating America's foster children, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

December 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine insider trading and congressional accountability, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: December 1, to hold an oversight hearing to examine deficit reduction and job creation, focusing on regulatory reform in Indian country, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: November 30, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights, to hold hearings to examine a balanced budget amendment, focusing on constitutionalizing the budget debate, 10 a.m., SD-226.

December 1, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1792, to clarify the authority of the United States Marshals Service to assist other Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies in the investigation of cases involving sex offenders and missing children, S. 671, to authorize the United States Marshals Service to issue administrative subpoenas in investigations relating to unregistered sex offenders, S. 1886, to prevent trafficking in counterfeit drugs, S. 678, to increase the penalties for economic espionage, and the nominations of Jacqueline H. Nguyen, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Gregg Jeffrey Costa, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, David Campos Guaderrama, to be United States

District Judge for the Western District of Texas, and Kathryn Keneally, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: November 30, to hold hearings to examine Veterans' Affairs mental health care, focusing on addressing wait times and access to care, 10 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: November 29, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: November 30, to hold hearings to examine the human and taxpayers' cost of antipsychotics in nursing homes, 2 p.m., SD-562.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, December 1, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, and Credit, hearing to review updates on USDA Inspector General audits, including SNAP fraud detection efforts and IT compliance, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, November 30, Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training, hearing entitled "Keeping College within Reach: Discussing Ways Institutions Can Streamline Costs and Reduce Tuition." 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, November 29, full Committee, begin markup of the following: H.R. 1633, the "Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act of 2011"; H.R. 1173, the "Fiscal Responsibility and Retirement Security Act of 2011"; H.R. 3309, the "Federal Communications Commission Process Reform Act of 2011"; and H.R. 3310, the "Federal Communications Commission Consolidated Reporting Act of 2011". 4:30 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

November 30, full Committee, continue markup of the following: H.R. 1633, the "Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act of 2011"; H.R. 1173, the "Fiscal Responsibility and Retirement Security Act of 2011"; H.R. 3309, the "Federal Communications Commission Process Reform Act of 2011"; and H.R. 3310, the "Federal Communications Commission Consolidated Reporting Act of 2011". 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

December 1, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, markup of the "Jumpstarting Opportunity with Broadband Spectrum (JOBS) Act of 2011." 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

December 2, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled "Expediting the Keystone XL Pipeline: Energy Security and Jobs." 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, November 30, full Committee, markup of the following: H.R. 3213, the "Small Company Job Growth and Regulatory Relief Act of 2011"; H.R. 2682, the "Business Risk Mitigation and Price Stabilization Act of 2011"; H.R. 2779, to exempt inter-affiliate swaps from certain regulatory requirements put in place by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act; and H.R. 2586, the "Swap Execution Facility Clarification Act." 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

December 1, full Committee, hearing entitled “Perspectives on the Health of the FHA Single-family Insurance Fund.” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

December 1, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Housing Finance Agency.” 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, November 30, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled “Compact of Free Association with the Republic of Palau: Assessing the 15-year Review.” 11:30 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

November 30, Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing entitled “Preserving Progress in Iraq, Part III: Iraq’s Police Development Program.” 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, November 30, Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, hearing entitled “Boko Haram—Emerging Threat to the U.S. Homeland.” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, November 30, full Committee, hearing entitled “Review of the Use of Committee Funds of the 112th Congress.” 10:30 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, November 30, full Committee, hearing entitled “Constitutional Limitations on States’ Authority to Collect Sales Taxes in E-commerce.” 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

November 30, Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement, hearing entitled “Is Secure Communities Keeping Our Communities Secure?” 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

December 1, full Committee, markup of the following: H.R. 2572, the “Clean Up Government Act of 2011”; and H.R. 1433, the “Private Property Rights Protection Act of 2011”. 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, December 1, full Committee, hearing on the following: H.R. 594, the “Coastal Jobs Creation Act of 2011”; H.R. 1013, the “Strengthen Fisheries Management in New England Act of 2011”; H.R. 1646, the “American Angler Preservation Act”; H.R. 2304, the “Fishery Science Improvement Act of 2011”; H.R. 2610, the “Asset Forfeiture Fund Reform and Distribution Act of 2011”; H.R. 2753, the “Fishery Management Transparency and Accountability Act”; H.R. 2772, the “Saving Fishing Jobs Act of 2011”; and H.R. 3061, the “Flexibility and Access in Rebuilding American Fisheries Act of 2011”. 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

December 2, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following: H.R. 976, to terminate certain hydropower reservations, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3263, the “Lake Thunderbird Efficient Use Act of 2011.” 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

December 2, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following: H.R. 1038, to authorize the conveyance of two small parcels of land within the boundaries of the Coconino National Forest containing private improvements that were developed based upon the reliance of the landowners in an erroneous survey conducted in May 1960; H.R. 1237, to provide for a land exchange with the Trinity Public Utilities District of Trinity County, California, involving the transfer

of land to the Bureau of Land Management and the Six Rivers National Forest in exchange for National Forest System land in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest, and for other purposes; H.R. 2157, to facilitate a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands in the Inyo National Forest, and for other purposes; H.R. 2745 to amend the Mesquite Lands Act of 1986 to facilitate implementation of a multispecies habitat conservation plan for the Virgin River in Clark County, Nevada; H.R. 2947, to provide for the release of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain land conveyed by the United States in 1950 for the establishment of an airport in Cook County, Minnesota; H.R. 3452, the “Wasatch Range Recreation Access Enhancement Act”; and S. 684, to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Alta, Utah. 10 a.m., room has not been assigned.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, November 30, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending, hearing entitled “The Price of Uncertainty: How Much Could DOT’s Proposed Billion Dollar Service Rule Cost Consumers this Holiday Season?” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

November 30, Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives, hearing entitled “Drug Shortage Crisis: Lives are in the Balance.” 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

December 1, full Committee, hearing entitled “HHS and the Catholic Church: Examining the Politicization of Grants.” 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, November 29, full Committee, hearing on the following: H.R. 527, the “Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2011”; H.R. 3010, the “Regulatory Accountability Act of 2011”; and H.R. 3463, to reduce Federal spending and the deficit by terminating taxpayer financing of presidential election campaigns and party conventions and by terminating the Election Assistance Commission. 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

December 1, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 10, the “Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2011.” 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, November 30, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing entitled “Stimulus Oversight: An Update on Accountability, Transparency, and Performance.” 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

November 30, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing entitled “Fostering Quality Science at EPA: Perspectives on Common Sense Reform.” 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

December 1, full Committee, markup of H.R. 3479, the Natural Hazards Risk Reduction Act of 2011, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, November 30, full Committee, hearing entitled “Disaster Assistance: Is SBA Meeting the Recovery Needs of Disaster Victims?” 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

December 1, Subcommittee on Healthcare and Technology, hearing entitled “Cyber Security: Protecting Your Small Business.” 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, November 30, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing entitled “The Missouri River Flood: An Assessment of River Management in 2011 and Operational Plans for the Future.” 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

December 1, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled “Protecting U.S. Sovereignty: Coast Guard Operations in the Arctic.” 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, November 30, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations; and Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, joint hearing on the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Certification Process, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

December 2, full Committee, hearing on Understanding and Preventing Veteran Suicide, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, December 2, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing series entitled “Securing the Future of the Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) Program”. The focus of this hearing is the history of the disability insurance program, the income security it provides and its financing challenges. 9 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: December 2, to hold hearings to examine combating anti-Semitism in the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe region, focusing on taking stock of the situation today, including initiatives designed to target violent and other manifestations on anti-Semitism in the fifty-six North American and European countries that comprise the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), 10 a.m., 2203, Rayburn Building.